

NH Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
Monday February 8, 2016
1:00 p.m.
VIA Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

Note: the February 8, 2016 MCAC meeting was held via conference call due to weather conditions.

Attendance was not taken.

Michelle Winchester facilitated the following agenda items:

1. Review and approval of January 11, 2016 meeting minutes: Postponed until the March 14, 2016 meeting.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Congratulations to Jeff Meyers on his appointment to Commissioner DHHS.
 - b. MCAC members are invited to the February 11th MCM Commission meeting where Paul Saucier will be speaking. Meeting to be held at 57 Regional Drive Concord at 2:30PM.
3. DHHS Topics: DHHS provided an update on the following topics:
 - a. Care Management Next Phase: (Katie) DHHS continues to work on drafting CFI waiver for the September 1, 2016 roll out of CFI and Nursing Facility services as part of Medicaid Care Management program. A public notice and public hearing will be scheduled. MCAC will be able to see the draft as soon as it is ready.
 - b. Private Duty Nursing: (Deb Scheetz) DHHS is implementing a rate increase to be effective April 1st. A public notice and State Plan Amendment will be forthcoming shortly. SB 439 which will create a study commission to look at PDN work shortages will be expanded to include adults in addition to the pediatric population. DHHS reviewing policy re: reimbursement of families directly for LNA services as well as federal regulations re: how LNA and personal care attendant services are defined by CMS. Michelle asked that we monitor capacity closely. It was noted that some PDN agencies are closing prior authorization requests and closing out the case if they are unable to fill the approved hours which artificially reduces the unmet need. It was also noted that Sen. Sanborn has a bill re: home health care where the LNA scope of practice will be clarified and a “face to face” requirement will be addressed.
 - c. CMS November 2015 Service Access Monitoring Plan: (Katie) The first mandatory report is due to CMS on July 1, 2016. NH had to complete a similar report back in 2010 as part of a SPA approval process. CMS is publically holding NH up as a good example of having produced an acceptable access reporting structure.
 - d. DME Admin Rule: (Kim Reeve) Update – proceeding with rule making. No further changes made to the rule.
 - e. Co-pay: (Kim) Happy to report that CMS clarified their interpretation of federal regulations and informed NH it did not have to apply the Premium Assistance Program schedule of copays to standard Medicaid.
 - f. Home health federal regulation (Kim) DHHS had already begun the rule making process to make the changes mandated in the new regulation prior to CMS releasing the final rule. There will be a public notice and public hearing as part of implementing the policy change
 - g. Centene Data Breach (Katie) NH DHHS has been informed that NH Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the NH Healthy Families plan could have been part of data breach incident in the past week. Letters to each client are going out from NH Healthy Families. DHHS is monitoring incoming calls into the client services unit to gauge how many individuals enrolled in Medicaid could be impacted.

4. Administrative Rules
 - a. Presumptive Eligibility: (Dawn Landry) Rules are expiring. MCAC will set up a subcommittee to work with Dawn. Michelle to confirm committee membership with Dawn.
5. Other Business
 - a. Ellen shared her continued concerns and frustration with pharmacy prior authorizations. She has been witness to the MCOs making changes in her coverage without notice. Katie will follow up with the MCops Team to track this down.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2:10PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Katie Dunn, Associate Commissioner and Medicaid Director